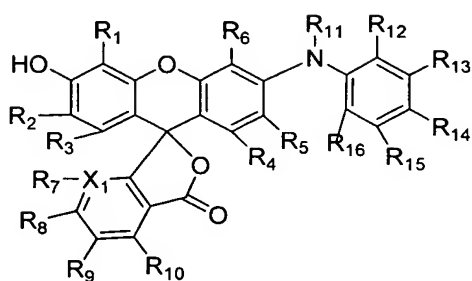


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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound represented by the formula



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wherein:

R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅ and R₆ are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, acylamino, halogen, nitro, nitrilo, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, oxygen, substituted oxygen, nitrogen, substituted nitrogen, sulfur and substituted sulfur;

R₇ is absent or selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, acylamino, halogen, nitro, nitrilo, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, oxygen, substituted oxygen, nitrogen, substituted nitrogen, sulfur and substituted sulfur;

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R_8 , R_9 , R_{10} , R_{13} , R_{14} , R_{15} and R_{16} are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, acylamino, halogen, nitro, nitrilo, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, oxygen, substituted oxygen, nitrogen, substituted nitrogen, sulfur and substituted sulfur;

R_{11} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, substituted oxygen and substituted nitrogen;

R_{12} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, acylamino, halogen, nitro, nitrilo, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, oxygen, substituted oxygen, nitrogen, substituted nitrogen, sulfur and substituted sulfur;

or R_{11} and R_{12} taken together represent the carbon atoms necessary to form a 5 or 6 membered substituted or unsubstituted heterocycloalkyl or heteroaryl group; and

X_1 is carbon or nitrogen.

2. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R_2 is an electron-withdrawing group, R_{11} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, and aryl, R_1 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , R_8 , R_9 , R_{10} , R_{12} , R_{13} , R_{14} , R_{15} and R_{16} are each hydrogen and X_1 is carbon.

3. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R_2 is hydrogen or alkyl, R_7 , R_8 , R_9 and R_{10} are each halogen, R_{11} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl and substituted aryl, R_1 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_{12} , R_{13} , R_{14} , R_{15} and R_{16} are each hydrogen and X_1 is carbon.

4. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R_2 is hydrogen or alkyl, R_7 , R_8 , R_9 and R_{10} are each hydrogen or halogen, R_1 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_{13} , R_{14} , R_{15} and R_{16} are each hydrogen, X_1 is carbon, and R_{11} and R_{12} , taken together, form a saturated ring.